

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action mailed July 15, 2005, is respectfully requested. Claim 83 has been amended. Claims 83-91, 95, 99-101, 104-105, and 107 remain pending in this case. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification at, e.g., Figs. 1-3 and associated text (page 24, line 30 – page 29, line 28). Therefore, this amendment was made without the introduction of new matter.

Art Rejections

Claims 83 and 84 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Kreisher (USP 4,589,965) in view of Ramachandran et al. (USP 5,109,124). As suggested by the examiner, applicants have amended claim 81 to specify that “*each microlocation comprises a distinct electrode within the plurality of electrodes.*” Applicants respectfully assert that none of the cited references teach or suggest all of the limitations of the currently amended claims. Therefore, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims as amended.

CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicants assert the claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action on the merits of the claims is therefore earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, please contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (949) 760-9600. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with the filing of these documents to Deposit Account No. 50-2862.

Respectfully submitted,

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